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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

—— Media ſeſe tulit obvia Silva
Virginis Os Habitumque gerens. —— Virg.

From *Tueſday November* 7. to *Thurſday November* 9. 1710.

From my own Apartment, November 8.

IT may perhaps appear ridiculous; but I muſt confeſs, this laſt Summer as I was riding in *Enfield-Chaſe*, I met a young Lady, whom I could hardly get out of my Head, and for ought I know my Heart, ever ſince. She was mounted on a Pad, with a very well-fancied Furniture. She ſate her Horſe with a very graceful Air; and when I ſaluted her with my Hat, ſhe bowed to me ſo obligingly, that whether it was her Civility or Beauty that touched me ſo much, I know not, but I am ſure I ſhall never forget her. She dwells in my Imagination in a Figure ſo much to her Advantage, that if I were to draw a Picture of Youth, Health, Beauty, or Modeſty, I ſhould repreſent any or all of them in the Perſon of that young Woman.

I do not find that there are any Deſcriptions in the ancient Poets ſo beautiful as thoſe they draw of Nymphs in their Paſtoral Dreſſes and Exerciſes. *Virgil* gives *Venus* the Habit of a *Spartan* Huntreſs when ſhe is to put *Æneas* in his Way, and relieve his Cares with the moſt agreeable Object imaginable. *Diana* and her Train are always deſcribed as Inhabitants of the Woods, and Followers of the Chace. To be well diverted is the ſafeſt Guard to Innocence; and, methinks, it ſhould be one of the firſt Things to be regarded among People of Condition to find out proper Amuſements for young Ladies. I cannot but think this of Riding might eaſily be revived among them, when they conſider how much it muſt contribute to their Beauty. This would lay up the beſt Portion they could bring into a Family, a good Stock of Health to tranſmit to their Poſterity. Such a charming Bloom as this gives the Countenance, is very much preferable to the real or affected Feebleneſs or Softneſs which appear in the Faces of our modern Beauties.

The Comedy called, *The Ladies Cure*, repreſents the Affectation of wan Looks and languid Glances to a very entertaining Extravagance. There is, as the Lady in the Play complains, ſomething ſo robuſt in perfect Health, that it is with her a Point of Breeding and Delicacy to appear in publick with a ſickly Air. But the natural Gaiety and Spirit which ſhine in the Complexion of ſuch as form to themſelves a Sort of diverting Induſtry by chuſing Recreations that are Exerciſes, ſurpaſs all the falſe Ornaments and Graces that can be put on by applying the whole Diſpenſary of a Toilet. An healthy Body and a chearful Mind give Charms as irreſiſtible as inimitable. The beauteous *Dyctynna*, who came to Town laſt Week, has from the conſtant Proſpect in a delicious Country, and the moderate Exerciſe and Journeys in the Viſits ſhe made round it, contracted a certain Life in her Countenance which will in vain employ both the Painters and Poets to repreſent. The becoming Negligence in her Dreſs, the ſevere Sweetneſs of her Looks, and a certain innocent Boldneſs in all her Behaviour, are the Effect of the active Recreations I am talking of.

But inſtead of ſuch or any other as innocent and pleaſing Method of paſſing away their Time with Alacrity, we have many in Town who ſpend their Hours in an indolent State of Body and Mind, without either Recreations or Reflections. I am apt to believe, there are ſome Parents imagine their Daughters will be accompliſhed enough, if nothing interrupts their Growth or their Shape. According to this Method of Education, I could name you Twenty Families, where all the Girls hear of in this Life is, That it is Time to riſe and to come to Dinner; as if they were ſo inſignificant as to be wholly provided for when they are fed and cloathed.

It is with great Indignation that I ſee ſuch Crowds of the Female World loſt to human Society, and condemned to a Lazineſs which makes Life paſs away with leſs Reliſh than in the hardeſt Labour. *Paleſtris* in her Drawing-Room, is ſupported by Spirits to keep off the Returns of Spleen and Melancholy, before ſhe can get over half the Day for Want of ſomething to do, while the Wench in the Kitchin ſings and ſcowrs from Morning to Night.

The next diſagreeable Thing to a lazy Lady, is a very buſy one. A Man of Buſineſs in good Company, who gives an Account of his Abilities and Diſpatches, is hardly more inſupportable than her they call a Notable Woman, and a Manager. Lady *Goodday*, where I viſited the other Day at a very polite Circle, entertained a great Lady with a *Recipe* for a Poultice, and gave us to underſtand, that ſhe had done extraordinary Cures ſince ſhe was laſt in Town. It ſeems a Countryman had wounded him-

himſelf with his Sithe as he was Mowing; and we were obliged to hear of her Charity, her Medicine, and her Humility, in the the hartheſt Tone, and courſeſt Language, imaginable.

What I would Requeſt in all this Prattle is, that our Females would either let us have their Perſons or their Minds in ſuch Perfection as Nature deſigned them.

The Way to this is, that thoſe who are in the Quality of Gentlewomen ſhould propoſe to themſelves ſome ſuitable Method of paſſing away their Time. This would furniſh them with Reflections and Sentiments proper for the Companions of reaſonable Men, and prevent the unnatural Marriages which happen every Day between the moſt accompliſhed Women, and the veriеſt Oafs: the worthieſt Men, and the moſt inſignificant Females. Were the general Turn of Women's Education of another Kind than it is at preſent, we ſhould want one another for more Reaſons than we do as the World now goes. The common Deſign of Parents is to get their Girls off as well as they can, and make no Conſcience of putting into our Hands a Bargain for our whole Life, which will make our Hearts ake every Day of it.

I ſhall therefore take this Matter into ſerious Conſideration, and will propoſe, for the better Improvement of the Fair Sex, a *Female Library*. This Collection of Books ſhall conſiſt of ſuch Authors as do not corrupt while they divert, but ſhall tend more immediately to improve them, as they are Women. They ſhall be ſuch as ſhall not hurt a Feature by the Auſterity of their Reflexions, nor cauſe one impertinent Glance by the Wantonneſs of them. They ſhall all tend to advance the Value of their Innocence as Virgins, improve their Underſtanding as Wives, and regulate their Tenderneſs as Parents. It has been very often ſaid in theſe Lucubrations, that the Ideas which moſt frequently paſs through our Imaginations, leave Traces of themſelves in our Countenances. There ſhall be a ſtrict Regard had to this in my Female Library, which ſhall be furniſhed with nothing that ſhall give Supplies to Oſtentation or Impertinence; but the whole ſhall be ſo digeſted for the Uſe of my Students, that they ſhall not go out of Character in their Enquiries, but their Knowledge appear only a cultivated Innocence.

Mr. Bickerſtaff's *Correſpondents out of the Country are deſired to pay the Poſtage of their Letters.*

Adverтiſements.

ALL Sorts of fine Silks and Mercery Goods for Blank Lottery Tickers, at 7 l. a Ticket, and ſold as cheap as for Specie, at the Eagle and Child on Ludgate Hill.

AT the GREAT WHEAT-SHEAF painted upon a Copper Plate, next the Bell-Savage-Inn on Ludgate-hill, are ſold all Sorts of rich Foreign Silk, with Gold and Silver Brocades: Likewiſe plain and flower'd Velvets for Gowns and Petticoats, and Coach Linings; with all Sorts of Silk Morning-Gowns, for Blank Lottery Tickets, at as high a Price as any Perſon ſhall give for them, and the abovelaid Goods as cheap as for Specie.

ALL Sorts of rich Brocaded Silks, Japanned Sattins, Thread Sattins, and Variety of other Things made into Morning-Gowns, large and well lined, being a freſh clean Parcel, and to be ſold very cheap, at Mrs. Attaway's, a Cap-maker and Milliner, in Devereux-Court, in the Paſſage from the Temple to Eſſex-Buildings. Note, There are Gowns from 7 l. to 1 l. Price, and the loweſt Price writ on each.

PHill. Baſs, at the Black Lion on Ludgate-hill, ſelleth all Sorts of rich Silks, and fine Durch ſtained Sattins, for Silk Morning-Gowns, and all Sorts of Mercery Goods, for Blank Lottery Tickets, at as high a Price as any Perſon ſhall take them for, and the aboveſaid Goods as cheap as for Specie.

This Day is publiſhed,

*** The preſent State of Phyſick in the Iſland of Cajanni. To the Members of the R. S.

Morning-Gowns for Men and Women, of all Sorts of rich Brocaded Silks, Japan'd Sattins, and great Variety of other rich Silks, Stuffs and Callicoe's, (being a freſh Parcel of choice Goods of Sam. Edwards and Richard Hechett, Mercers) are to be ſold at very low Rates at the Golden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs, the Price being ſet on each Gown.

THis is to give Notice, That there is an extraordinary Remedy for the STONE and STRANGURY, which lately cured a Gentleman that had for three Days a total Suppreſſion of Urine, who in half an Hour after he had taken it made above a Gallon of Water. It likewiſe brought away thirteen Stones from one, and nine from another, (who both live near Temple-Bar). To be had only of Mr. Rogers at the Sun in Fleet-ſtreet, and of Mr. Aylmer at the Three Pidgeons in Cornhil, Bookſellers, at 5 s. the Paper, with printed Directions.

*** Whereas Mr. Joſhua Barnes, B. D. Her Majeſty's Greek Profeſſor in the Univerſity of Cambridge, hath ſome Time ſince publiſhed Propoſals for Printing a New and Accurate Edition of Homer's Works, Greek and Latin, Scholia, Notes on Text and Scholia, various Lections, Fragments, Indexes, in 2 Volumes, large Quarto; Theſe are to certify, That the ſaid Work is now finiſhed, and ready to be delivered to Subſcribers, by Mr. Robert Knaplock, Bookſeller, at the Biſhop's Head in St. Paul's Church-yard, London; Mr. Cornelius Crownfield, Printer, Cambridge; the Reverend Dr. John Hudſon, Keeper of the Publick Library, Oxford. Subſcribers are deſired, with the Remainder, to return their Subſcription-Receipts. The Price, to all others but Subſcribers, 35 s. in Sheets. the 2 Volumes, i. e. the Iliads 20 s, the Odyſſes, &c. 15 s.

CHocolate made of the beſt Cracco Nuts, 3 s. a Pound; Chocolate made of the beſt of other Cocoa Nuts, ſome Cracco, 2 s. 6 d. a Pound, both very fine ground; Chocolate with Sugar, a Third Penny cheaper than all Nut. Sold by Robert Fary at the Bell in Gracechurch-ſtreet near Grace-Church Druggiſt.

A Courſe of Experiments, in order to demonſtrate, the Laws of the Gravitation of Fluids; the various Properties of the Air in Relation to its Weight, Spring, Neceſſity of its Preſence in the Conſervation of Life, and Production of Flame and Sound; together with ſeveral new Experiments touching Light and Electricity, produceable on the Attrition of Bodies; will begin on Monday next the 13th Inſtant, at Mr. Hauksbee's in Hind-court againſt Water-lane, Fleet-ſtreet; and be continued every Thurſday and Monday following till finiſhed: Where Subſcriptions are taken in, and printed Accounts of the whole are given.

OVer-againſt St. Olaves Church, in St. Olaves-ſtreet, in Southwark, is an Office of Inſurance on Marriage, conſiſting of two Societies, each of 2100 Members: The one to pay 5 s. for Policy and Stamps, and 5 s. towards the firſt Claim, which when full will intitle every one that has a Claim to 500 l. otherwiſe in Proportion to the Number of the Subſcribers: And the other of the like Number of Members, paying but 2 s. for Policy and Stamps, and 2 s. towards the firſt Claim, will intitle you to 200 l. when full, or proportionable. Propoſals at large may be had at the Office aforeſaid gratis.

RObert Peters's Sale of 1000 l. for half a Crown, being near full, is to be drawn at Sadlers-Hall in Cheapſide on Thurſday the 16th Inſtant: So that all Perſons are deſired to be as ſpeedy as poſſible in taking out Tickets, which are to be had at Mr. Marret's at the Golden Ball in Devonſhire-ſtreet without Biſhopſgate; Mr. Meſaure's at the Dial near Serjeants-Inn in Fleet-ſtreet; Mr. Lillie's, Perfumer, the Corner of Beauford-buildings; Mr. Hill, Goldſmith, in Covent-Garden; Mr. Andrew's, Glover, in Charles-Court in the Strand; Rice's Coffee-houſe in the Hay-Market, Child's in St. Paul's Church-yard, George's in Piccadilly, and at the Houſes Numb. 14 and 28 in Glocester-ſtreet; where the Tickets are rolling up, and the Plate is to be ſeen.

MRs. Symonds's Sale of heavy Plate and other valuable Goods, which are to be ſeen at the Naked Boy and Coat in Henrietta-ſtreet, being very near full, will be drawn on Monday the 27th of this Inſtant November, at the Great Room in York Buildings, all Gentlemen and Ladies are deſired to be ſpeedy in taking out Tickets, which are to be had at the Houſe above-mentioned, at Mr. Sybald's, Silkman, near the Conduit in Cheapſide, Mr. Lillie's at the Corner of Beauford-Buildings, Croſs's Coffee-houſe in Cary-ſtreet, Lincoln's-Inn-fields, Mr. Bate's at the Hat and Star, a Cane-ſhop, in Bookſellers row in St. Paul's Church yard, and all the other Places mentioned in the Propoſals.

MRs. Holt's Sale of Plate, that was drawn on Thurſday laſt in Downing-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, great Errors being committed by the Writer, by the general Conſent of the Adventurers is to be drawn again on this Day Sevennight at the ſame Place at Nine in the Morning, and the Goods to be delivered on the Monday following.

THE laſt Books for the Sale of the 7500 l. Value of Plate, Jewels, &c. are now actually cutting out in Receivers Hands, and will be taken up on Monday next, in order to the Drawing the Wedneſday following. The Contributors are therefore deſired to be expeditious in taking out the few remaining Tickets, that it may be drawn on the 15th Inſtant. The Tickets are now printing, in order to be ſealed up for the Drawing at the fixed Time.

Sold by *John Morphew* near *Stationers-Hall*; where Advertiſements are taken in.